

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE GUIDE

Public hearing on HVO North and South Open Cut Coal Continuation Projects

ATTENDANCE & VENUE COMPLIANCE

To ensure a safe, accessible, and respectful environment for everyone, health and safety compliance measures are in place for this event.

Hall Capacity:

The indoor venue has a **maximum capacity of 296** people.

- Standing in the aisles or at the back of the room is prohibited at all times.
- If seating is available when you arrive, please take a seat inside.
- If the hall is at full capacity, you can view the hearing from our designated outdoor *Overflow Space*, where a marquee and viewing screens will be provided.

Signage & Visibility:

To maintain clear views and accessibility for all attendees, any posters, banners, or protest signage larger than A3 in size will not be permitted inside the hall and must be left outdoors.

Livestreaming:

The full hearing will be broadcast live and recorded on the Commission’s YouTube channel. Please note that by presenting at this hearing, you consent to being filmed. If you prefer not to attend in person, we encourage you to watch the livestream.

PARKING & ACCESSIBILITY

As the venue is located within a residential area, attendees must be respectful of local residents and the surrounding community. Please ensure that driveways remain clear, traffic is not obstructed, and private property is not impacted.

The Commission has worked with Council to support parking arrangements for expected attendees.

To minimise vehicle movements in the area during the public hearing, attendees are encouraged to leave their vehicles parked once they arrive and, where possible, walk to nearby shops and businesses for refreshments throughout the day.

Where to Park:

Designated event parking has been established on John Street and Bowen Street, in addition to surrounding street parking.

Accessible Parking:

Dedicated accessible parking spaces will be reserved directly in front of the hall on John Street for those with mobility requirements.

Pedestrian & Wildlife Safety:

There will be a high level of pedestrian traffic around the venue, so please drive slowly. Additionally, there are native ground-nesting birds in the area. Please follow all staff directions and signage on the day to protect local wildlife.

AMMENITIES & BREAKS

Bathrooms:

Restrooms are available inside the venue, with portaloos, including a dedicated accessible option available outside the hall.

Refreshments:

Water, tea, and instant coffee amenities will be provided. To help us reduce waste, attendees are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles.

Breaks & Local Shops:

Multiple breaks are scheduled throughout the day. A variety of shops and local cafes are located within a convenient 5-minute walk of the venue. Please be mindful of increased pedestrian and car traffic during these scheduled break times.

PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS

DAY ONE	DAY TWO	DAY THREE
Date & time 10.00am Thursday 16th July	Date & time 10.00am Friday 17th July	Date & time 10.00am Wednesday 22nd July
Location Branxton Community Hall 35 Bowen St, Branxton NSW 2335 (livestream available)	Location Branxton Community Hall 35 Bowen St, Branxton NSW 2335 (livestream available)	Location Online only (livestream available)
In-person and online		online



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